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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-21/75)

Subject : European Passport Union

In view of the statement (Point 10) in the Communiqué of the Paris Summit to set up a working party to study the possibility of establishing a Passport Union, what steps have been taken to set up the working party and what will be its terms of reference?

2. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-26/75)

Subject: Farm Modernization Scheme

Considering that the target income under the scheme is set too high for many farmers, particularly in the West of Ireland (£1,800), what measures does the Council envisage to correct discrimination in the operation of this scheme?

3. Question by Mr KLEPSCH (H-32/75)

Subject: Situation in Portugal

In view of political developments in Portugal and of the preparations for elections

- how does the Council assess the present situation and future trends in the light of the desire for fruitful cooperation between Portugal and the European Community?

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4. Question by Lord O'HAGAN (H-37/75)

Subject: Benefits of leaving EEC

What benefits would the United Kingdom gain by leaving the EEC ?

5. Question by Lord REAY (H-35/75)

Subject : United Kingdom trade with the EEC

Since the replies given by Commissioner Gundelach to questions put in this Parliament on February 19 on the subject of the United Kingdom's trade deficit with the EEC have been the subject of debate in the British Parliament, and his conclusions have been described as false by the British Minister of Trade on the grounds that the Commissioner failed to make a distinction between total trade including oil trade, and non-oil trade, could he say what the figures should have been after taking account of British oil trade both with other Member States and with third countries ?

6. Question by Mr DELLA BRIOTTA (H-38/75)

Subject: French ban on imports of Italian wine

What measures does the Commission intend to take against the French ban on imports of Italian wine?

7. Question by Mr PREMOLI (H-22/75)

Subject: National aid for agricultural producers' associations

Can the Commission state whether the legislative texts forwarded, pursuant to Article 93(3) first sentence, of the EEC Treaty, by the Italian Government in respect of associations of agricultural producers in the livestock sector and the fixing of milk prices for producers affect the organization of the market in the milk sector and whether their lack of precision is likely to distort conditions of competition between producers?

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8. Question by Mr ESPERSEN (H-23/75)

Subject : Destruction and denaturing of food

Does the Commission think that in the long term the destruction or denaturing of good food products may become an element of the EEC's market policy for agriculture and fisheries and how does it intend to encourage fishery producers' organizations to introduce voluntary quota systems for catches in order to avoid destruction or denaturing ?

9. Question by Mr HARZSCHEL (H-24/75)

Subject: Safety of atomic power stations in the Community

What is the Commission's view on the safety of the atomic power stations in the Community in the light of the temporary shut-down and safety inspection of 23 American nuclear power stations?

10. Question by Mr NOE' (H-31/75)

Subject: Construction of nuclear power stations

Does the Commission not consider that in view of the difficulties often raised by local authorities concerning the building of nuclear power stations in various Member States, it should adopt a clear general position on this important problem and intervene directly in the individual discussions in the most important cases, thereby helping to clear up some misunderstandings and to make the positions which these same Member States will adopt on the subject more uniform?

11. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-25/75)

Subject: Control over North Sea oil

To what extent will the energy policy of the E.E.C. affect Britain's control over North Sea oil?

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12. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-27/75)

Subject: Curtailment of the advisory powers of the European Parliament

Does the Commission feel that the European Parliament is able to carry out its task of democratic control in cases where it is consulted on the basis of Article 235 of the EEC Treaty when essentially, the decision is taken by the Council in the light of a memorandum submitted to it by the Commission?

13. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-28/75)

Subject: Exports of cheese

Can the Commission give its views on what is already referred to as the 'cheese war' which has apparently resulted from the reintroduction by the Community of refunds on exports of cheese, which the American authorities treat as export subsidies, leading to the imposition of compensatory levies on cheese entering the territory of the United States?

14 Question by Mr HOWELL (H-29/75)

Subject : Fuel subsidy to British glasshouse growers

Since the 31st December 1974 the fuel subsidy to British glasshouse growers has been discontinued, whereas other Member States are subsidising fuel to their glasshouse industries. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that British glasshouse growers do not have to face unfair competition from other EEC countries ?

15. Question by Mr FRUH (H-30/75)

Subject: Agricultural structures

Is there any truth in newspaper reports that the incorporation of the Community directives of 17 April 1972 on the reform of agricultural structures in the land tax legislation of the Federal Republic of Germany has led to an irresponsible and costly 'paper war' which is obstructing the necessary structural changes planned with the result that refunds by the EAGGF of part of the annual land tax are very seldom made?

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16. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-33/75)

Subject : Food aid programme

What level of stocks does the Commission envisage holding for the purposes of the Community's Food Aid Programme ?

17. Question by Mr CORRIE (H-34/75)

Subject : VAT on grain based spirits imported into Italy

Does the recent decision by the Italian Government to raise from 12 % to 30 % the VAT on imported grain based spirits constitute a breach at Article 95 at the Treaty of Rome and if so, what action has the Commission taken ?

18. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-36/75)

Subject : Itinerant or Travelling Peoples⁽¹⁾ within the Community

Within the frame work of the Community Social Policy, has the Commission any proposals in mind, to cater with the problems of travelling or itinerant peoples⁽¹⁾ without interfering unnecessarily with their way of life, and to ensure that they enjoy the same legal, educational and social welfare rights and treatment as settled citizens?

(1) Commonly known as gypsies